

Valuable Data Gained From 4-Year Program U-2s Showed Red Space Failures

By The Canadian Press

WASHINGTON. The chief press officer of the North American Air Defense Command says photographs taken by high-flying U-2 reconnaissance planes over Russia showed that the Soviet Union had a great number of space failures as well as successes.

Col. Barney Oldfield said in a telephone interview from Colorado Springs that his knowledge of these failures comes from information resulting from photographs made by U. S. reconnaissance planes, including those made by Francis Gary Powers.

Mr. Powers fell into Russian hands May 1, 1960, when his plane either was shot down or crashed 1,200 miles inside Russian territory. He was flying at an altitude of 68,000 feet. He was recently released by the Russians in a swap for Russian spy Col. Rudolf Abel.

Elaborating on a statement he had made at Fort Worth, Tex., three days ago, Col. Oldfield said the photographs taken by the U-2 planes over a period of four years gave the U. S. a great deal of information on Soviet military power, including location of missile and atomic sites, aircraft and submarine production and rocket developments.

Former President Eisenhower called off the U-2 flights on May 14, 1960, two days before Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev used the Powers case to shatter the May 16 summit conference in Paris.

"But this didn't leave us exactly para-

lyzed on getting Soviet intelligence," Col. Oldfield said without elaboration.

Col. Oldfield, speaking at a space writers' conference at Fort Worth, said plane reconnaissance showed that at one time Soviet rocket launching pads were photographed with rockets in place. Later U-2 photograph work showed only scorched earth remained.

Knowing from world-wide-listening devices that the Russians hadn't put anything in orbit from these sites, Col. Oldfield said the U. S. concluded that whatever was set off from those launching pads must have exploded at the sites.

Red "Lives Were Lost"

WASHINGTON (UPI).

Sen. Henry M. Jackson, D., Wash., said yesterday there was evidence that "lives were lost" in the Russian program that enabled the Soviet Union to launch its two cosmonauts into space.

Sen. Jackson urged the Kennedy administration to challenge the Soviet Union to "lay bare" its trials and errors in achieving manned space flight.

"They should lay bare whether or not they made any mistakes in achieving an orbital space flight," he declared. "We have every reason to believe lives were lost in their attempts."

Sen. Jackson, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, made the comments in a radio interview.